

Grover Cleveland letter S266

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Stephen Grover Cleveland (1837-1908)
Title	Grover Cleveland letter
Date	1892
Extent	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
Language	English
Text [Folder]	S266

Preferred Citation

Grover Cleveland letter, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library

Historical Note

Hilton U. Brown induced Albert Thayer to donate this letter, which was written by Grover Cleveland, to the State Library. The letter defends Mr. Cleveland's decision to remain out of the Civil War by paying for a substitute. At the time, Grover had a widowed mother and sisters to support. Hilton Brown, using *The Indianapolis News* letterhead, wrote to Mr. Demarchus Brown at the State Library in Indianapolis and explained the reason for the letter. Hilton wrote: "It was written in 1892, at the time that Mr. Cleveland had been charged with shirking his duty as a soldier. Mr. Thayer wrote to Mr. Cleveland asking for a statement of facts and received the letter which I enclose. It seems to me to have historic value..."

Scope and Contents

This collection includes one typed letter with signature in ink by Grover Cleveland. It is marked "Personal" and dated October 24, 1892. The address of President Cleveland is given as: 12 West 51st Street, New York City. The letter reads: "Albert Thayer, Esq., Indianapolis, Ind. My dear sir: I have never made it a practice to attempt to stay the tide of abuse and misrepresentation which has been started for partizan [sic] purposes regarding my relations to the war of the Rebellion. I have no objections, however, to saying to you that it is true that two of my brothers enlisted and served during the war, and that I did remain at home as the support of my widowed mother and sisters, sending a substitute in my place. Very truly yours, Grover Cleveland."

Arrangement

This collection is arranged by subject.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from Albert Thayer through the efforts of Hilton U. Brown on 1911/08/12.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing and finding aid completed 2014/07/03 by Nikki Stoddard Schofield.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Indiana State Library.

Personal Name(s)

- Brown, Demarchus
- Brown, Hilton
- Thayer, Albert

Subject(s)

- Civil war
- Correspondence